



Town Hall Meeting



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- Growing Pains: Health and Community
 Impacts of Goods Movement and the Ports
 Feb 25-26, 2005 in Long Beach, CA
- Dr. Olden spoke on NIEHS health initiatives
- NIEHS WETP grantees spoke on hazardous materials on ports, roads and rail: health and safety concerns

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http://www.lbreport.com/news/feb05/portmeet.htm

Growing Pains: Health and Community Impacts of Goods Movement and the Ports



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- Hazardous Materials Workshop
 - Workshop Facilitator: Linda Delp, UCLA Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program
 - Workshop Resource People:
 - Sharon Beard, NIEHS
 - Chee Chang & Francisco Martinez, IBT
 - Brenda Cantrell, National Labor College/Rail Workers Program
 - Ray Enriquez, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
 - ILWU Representative
 - Mike Wang, Western States Petroleum Association
 - Don May, Earth Corps; community concerns
 - William Hatch, Firefighter/Hazmat Trainer

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Recommendations/Concerns

- Timely and accurate notification if a hazmat incident has occurred
- Community input on evacuation plans
- Need an independent source of air monitoring who will issue results/notifications
- Need to maintain the placarding/labeling system and more training in this area
- Outreach to communities to educate (like the CERT training)
- Need information on household toxic chemicals
- Need more access to quality hazmat training
- Phase out and/or substitute toxic chemicals

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